

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 95-774-C - ORDER NO. 95-1178✓
MAY 31, 1995

IN RE: Request of US Long Distance for) ORDER APPROVING
Approval of Revisions to its PSC-SC) TARIFF REVISIONS,
Tariff No. 2 to Introduce Various New) INTRODUCTION OF
Product Offerings Including a Prepaid) DEBIT CARD, AND
Calling Card Services (REF: TN 95-107).) STIPULATION

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of US Long Distance, Inc. (USLD) for approval of revisions to its South Carolina No. 2 Tariff governing intrastate direct dial telecommunications services. The tariff revision is intended to introduce the following USLD telecommunications services: FamilyLine One Plus National for South Carolina residential consumers; Advantage WATS National, USLD Bottom Line, Advantage Travel Plus, 800 CONNECT, USLD Prepaid Calling Cards, and Advantage Select National for South Carolina business consumers.

Intervening in the Tariff was Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company (Southern Bell). Southern Bell and USLD later entered into a Stipulation, which was filed with the Commission. The Stipulation provided as follows:

- (1) Any grant of authority shall clearly be for interLATA services and such intraLATA services as contemplated by PSC Order No. 93-462, dated June 3, 1993.
- (2) USLD represents that the services for which it seeks authority through this Application are not intended to be used to complete local calls. USLD agrees that it is not seeking authority in this docket to authorize it to complete local calls. Further, USLD agrees that it will not use either this Stipulation or the services specified

in the tariffs filed in the above-captioned docket as grounds upon which to argue before this Commission that USLD should be authorized to transport and complete local calls. USLD represents that it will not market, advertise, encourage, or offer its services to be used as a method of transporting and completing local calls.

(3) USLD affirms that, at this time, it cannot prevent the completion of local calls on its network by customers using the services specified in the tariffs filed in the above-captioned docket. For this reason, USLD cannot stipulate that its customers will not complete local calls using its services. Therefore, USLD may bill for completion of local calls and collect the revenues therefore. When it becomes technically and practically possible for USLD to implement blocking of local call completion using the services of USLD, USLD will implement such blocking until such time as it has obtained authority from the South Carolina Public Service Commission to transport and complete local calls.

Southern Bell agreed to withdraw its intervention in this docket upon acceptance of the Stipulation by the Commission.

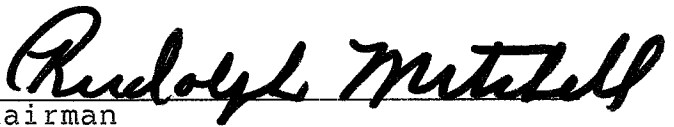
The Commission has examined this matter and believes that the tariff changes proposed by USLD are and will be beneficial to the public in South Carolina. The Commission believes that USLD should be allowed to revise its tariff to include the new services including the provision of debit card services. The Commission also approves the Stipulation between Southern Bell and USLD, which was filed in this Docket.

With regard to the USLD debit card, the Commission believes that USLD should post a bond prior to offering its debit card services due to the nature of the service proposed by USLD, where a subscriber must pay for services before the services are rendered. The Commission has consistently required non-facilities based carriers to post a bond for the protection of the subscribers in South Carolina until such time as the Company has had the opportunity to demonstrate its stability through operations in this State. Therefore, the Commission requires as a condition to

offering the debit card services in South Carolina, that USLD post a bond with the Commission by delivering to the Commission Certificates of Deposit in the amount of \$5,000. The Certificates of Deposit shall be drawn in the name of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, and should be drawn on a federal or state charter banks or savings and loan associations which maintain an office in this State and whose accounts are insured by either the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation. After twelve (12) months from the date of this Order, the Commission will review the Company's financial reports and operations in this State and will reassess the requirement of USLD maintaining this bond.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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